GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF INDIAN TEXTILES BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European countries and Bangladesh have increased various types of taxes to discourage the import of Indian textiles;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the names of the countries alongwith the efforts made by them recently to discourage the import of textiles from India;

(c) whether due to above said reasons, export from India has decreased to these countries; and

(d) if so, the latest position in this regard and the action taken by the Government to remove such restrictions?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 463 FOR ANSWE 26.4.2002

(a) & (b) The European Union (EU) is presently maintaining anti-dumping duties in the range of 14.7% to 35.4% on imports of Polyester Staple Fibre from India.Bangladesh has recently imposed a regulatory duty of 10% on import of all types of cotton yarn. Turkey is also maintaining anti-dumping duty of 6.8% to 33.7% on import of Polyester Textured Filament Yarn from India. The textile imports from India are also facing other impediments such as duty free/quota free access granted by EU to textiles originating from our neighbouring competing countries; initiation of anti-subsidy / anti-dumping investigations by EU on Polyester Textured Filament Yarn; ban on yarn imports through land route by Bangladesh; and review of suspension of collection of duties on imports of bed-linen etc.

(c) & (d) Overall exports to European Union and Bangladesh showed an upward trend during the financial years, i.e., 1999-2000 and 2000-01. During the current year, the exports have, however, declined. The Government of India is taking all possible steps including taking the matter to Dispute Settlement Body of WTO as per international rules & regulations.